

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A manually operated electric control device comprising a housing on which a control lever is mounted by means of a universal joint type pivotable joint having two axes which can be pivoted in relation to each other, wherein the position of the control lever can be detected by a sensing technology for generating a control signal and wherein a first pivot axis is formed by two bearing tappets operatively connected to the control lever, characterized in that the bearing tappets immerse in respective bearing sections which are guided with their external surfaces in a bearing bush so that a second pivot axis is formed.
2. (Original) A control device according to claim 1, wherein each bearing section includes a cylinder section having a plane bearing surface adapted to be adjacent to end faces of the control lever and a convexly curved external cylinder surface adapted to be adjacent to a correspondingly designed concavely curved internal cylinder surface of the bearing bush having the form of a cylinder bush.
3. (Original) A control device according to claim 2, wherein the cylinder bush includes two bush members connected to each other by a bridge.
4. (Currently Amended) A control device according to claim 2-~~or~~3, wherein the bearing tappets are supported to slide in the control lever or in the respective cylinder section and are fastened in the respective other component with press fit or the like.

5. (Currently Amended) A control device according to ~~any one of the claims 2 to 4~~ claim 2, wherein in a neutral position of the control lever the cylinder bushes extend beyond the cylinder sections in the direction of the longitudinal axis of the control lever.
6. (Currently Amended) A control device according to ~~any one of the claims 2 to 5~~ claim 2, wherein the axial length of the cylinder sections and of the cylinder bush is equal and the same are supported in a housing seat.
7. (Currently Amended) A control device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the control lever has a receiving chamber for a permanent magnet at the base side.
8. (Original) A control device according to claim 7, wherein the control lever has an approximately rectangular base on which the end faces associated with bearing surfaces are formed.
9. (Currently Amended) A control device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the components of the pivotable joint and the control lever are manufactured of non-magnetizable material.